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EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE PREHOSPITAL/HOSPITAL SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes

Thursday, September 8, 2011 – 9:00 A.M.

Members Present

Carlson, R.N., Sharon – Hospital Association of San Diego & Imperial Counties
Dotson, R.N., Melody – Base Hospital Nurse Coordinators
Forman, R.N., Kelly – County Paramedic Agencies
Rosenberg, R.N., Linda – Emergency Nurses Association

Guests/Associations Present

Broyles, R.N., Linda – RCCP/AMR
Buono, M.D., Colleen – UCSD Base Hospital Medical Director
Hudnet, Carlen – Rural Metro
Ochs, Ginger – San Diego Fire Department
Rice, Mike – San Diego County Ambulance Association
Russo, Joe – Rural Metro

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Pate, Rebecca – County EMS
Wolchko, Janet I. – Recorder, County EMS

I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Melody Dotson, Chairperson called the meeting to order at 9:09 am. Attendees introduced themselves.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes were reviewed. A motion was made by Kelly Forman, seconded by Linda Rosenberg to approve the June 9, 2011 minutes. Motion carried.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS

There were no public comments or petitions.

IV. OFF-LOAD ISSUES

Ginger Ochs reported that there are an average of 90 off-load delays per day with 40 to 50 percent of the delays due to rig clean-up and trauma offload delays. The current offload delay notification process is for the agency to notify dispatch in 20 minutes and the County within 30 minutes. Mike Rice, representative from AMR, agreed with Ms. Ochs on the reasons and times for offload delays.

At the request of the facilities, Ms. Ochs will send offload reports on a monthly basis when requested. Melody Dotson and Linda Rosenberg requested a monthly report from Ms. Ochs and from Mr. Rice. Reports will be sent to the coordinators at the requesting facility.

V. POLICIES FOR REVIEW

The following policies were reviewed by the Subcommittee:

S-003, Program Recordkeeping: Training and Certification – Changes to the policy reflect what is reported to the State. Wording was changed from field personnel to EMT, and Paramedic accreditation written notification was added to actions taken on certificate holders.

S-422, Application of Patient Restraints – S-422 will be forwarded to, reviewed and approved by the Base Station Physicians Committee (BSPC). Suggested items for review by BSPC included patient restraint positioning, police presence and accompanying the patient in the ambulance.

A motion was made by Kelly Forman, seconded by Sharon Carlson to approve S-003 with suggested changes. Motion carried. S-003 will be forwarded to the full EMCC for approval.

VI. STAFF REPORT

iQCS testing is going through security testing and final changes.

Advanced EMT and EMT regulations are out for public comment. A few changes were made to training, curriculum and to scope of practice, i.e. pulse oximetry added to EMT scope as well as EMT's being able to assist with ALS procedures. Paramedic regulations will be open for public comment soon.

The Statewide Disaster Drill is November 17, 2011. A tabletop exercise is scheduled for September 14, 2011.

Training and applications for Advanced EMTs were discussed. Most of the Advanced EMT training and applications are expected to be within the rural community.

VII. SET NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for October 13, 2011.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 am.

Submitted by

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